

CENTRAL NEWS

March 2019

Advice to the Newcomer

Sunny Oak, Yokohl Valley Louie T.

Some newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous seem to experience difficulty in grasping the spiritual aspects of the program. I'm glad that this wasn't too hard for me. I had tried virtually every human agency seeking relief from alcoholism, and nothing helped. I was desperate enough to grasp at anything that promised aid. I admit that I had some misgivings at first, but as the days of sobriety became weeks, and the weeks months, I became more and more convinced that He was keeping me sober—something that I had been utterly unable to do for myself.

The longer I remained sober, the clearer I came to see other evidence of His handiwork about me. The scientists are constantly learning new secrets of the universe. Nearly every day they uncover marvels that tell us of a superior engineering intelligence. Too many of their discoveries can be worked out with mathematical certainty for our world to have just happened— it was created by some Power of infinite wisdom. With all of science's remarkable discoveries, life and growth remain veiled in mystery.

Our Creator endowed us with the power of reason, the ability to visualize things unseen. This bestowed

intelligence allows us to observe the wonders of nature, and to arrive at some conclusions about the unwavering natural laws.

One of the most thought provoking object lessons comes from The Sermon on the Mount— “Consider the lilies of the field how they grow.” I don't think that this was merely an appeal to consider nature. We are not to consider their beauty alone, but how they grew—how without anxiety or care, the flower woke into loveliness; how without any effort it slowly came readymade from nature's loom. Shaped into beauty by secret and invisible hands, the flower develops we know not how. We do not wonder at it—it is Nature; it is God.

The same is true of our own physical growth. When we come into this life, we are very small. We gradually grow in size without effort on our part. One or two simple conditions are fulfilled, and growth goes on. Try as we may, we can't accelerate our growth. It can be retarded by certain things, just as the growth of the lily can be retarded when shut away from sunlight.

Isn't this indicative that our spiritual lives are retarded

when overshadowed by self, just as is the lily when denied sunlight? Doesn't it follow that our spiritual stature will increase when this retarding shadow is removed?

—F.G. Columbus, Ga.

AA Grapevine May 1948

Step 3

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

In my 12 x 12 I have a couple of notes on the above: over “will” I have thinking and over our “lives” I have actions. I have learned in AA that I have to turn my thinking and actions over to the care of a God of my understanding.

According to the 12 x 12, this is the first action Step. Steps 1 and 2 are about reflection and acceptance. This Step calls for us to actively participate in turning our will and lives over to a Higher Power. I found I could not stay sober by myself, I was powerless over alcohol and only something (or someone) more powerful than me could help. At first it was the AA Group and members. Later, I began to explore just what my concept of a Higher Power was.

The 12 x 12 tells me that every man and woman who has joined AA and intends to stay has made a start on Step 3. Willingness is the key. I became willing to try something else besides my ideas. I was finally willing to listen and try to do something different. The book tells me “The more we become willing to depend upon a Higher Power, the more independent we actually are. Therefore dependence, as AA practices it, is really a means of gaining true independence of the spirit.”

After re-reading this Step, I am reminded how I felt when I was told I had to turn not only my alcohol problem over to a Higher Power, but my will also! How was I to do that? Couldn't I still decide what was good for me? Then I read more, and remembered how I felt and what state I was in when I first got to AA. Maybe I should listen to what other members said and watch what they did before I decided I could do my life by myself. I needed a lot of help and this was the Step to start getting that help, with my participation. My life had gone to hell in a handbasket by me doing everything all by myself. That was enough to convince me to try something different.

This Step gave me the incentive to start looking at Step 4. Some of what I did in Step 3 prepared me for Step 4 by showing me where my life had taken wrong turns. That is what convinced me to become willing to let a Higher Power in my life and start listening to other ideas about how to get by in life.

At the end of the Step 3 chapter, the book says “Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us. To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of AA's Twelve Steps and Step Three opens the door.”

The Chapter closes with a direction that in all times of emotional disturbance or indecision we can pause, ask for quiet and in the stillness simply say the Serenity Prayer.

I have a note at the end of the chapter that says God can only fill an empty cup. I have to be willing to let other ideas in and get rid of my old ideas. They didn't work! Maybe this will! This has worked for me and countless others and will continue to work for those that just have a little willingness and have totally surrendered.

Susan M

Tradition 3 *The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking*

Nobody invented Alcoholics Anonymous. It grew. Trial and error has produced a rich experience. One such experience happened in year two when a gentleman approached a group, obviously suffering from another addiction even more stigmatized than alcohol. After a heated debate a member simply stated, “What would the master do?” and that was that. The new member would then go on to vigorously engage in 12th step work and help countless others.

On another historical note two of AA's predecessors folded or divided on membership requirements or controversies. The Washingtonians divided into wet or dry camps and disagreed on abolition of slavery. The

Oxford group had problems with excluding certain seats or faiths.

Personally this tradition is one of my favorites. I often state "Tradition 3 is all I had when I came to AA". A desire to stop drinking. Looking back that desperate desire after a rather long Godless negative skeptical and hateful drinking career I found myself in a very diverse group and I definitely needed them much more than they needed me. I also discovered how closed minded and rigid I had lived my life. "My best thinking had earned me a seat in AA". I remember early in my recovery reading "The Realm of Spirit is broad, roomy, all inclusive, never exclusive or forbidding to those who honestly seek." That statement moved me, a starting place if you will. The group as diverse as it was, was my first higher power. When I began to want what they had my mind began to open up. Openness led to more willingness. Thank God today I am responsible when ANYONE reaches out for help.

Mitch K

Contributions

Birthday Club

Jim B.	Springville	38
Patrick S.	Visalia	21
Greg G.	Porterville	20

Individual Contributions

Anonymous
Barbara VB.
Bill E.
Jim B.
Mike S.
Shannon S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

March AA Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Years</u>
Manuel C.	Tulare	44
Kristi H.	Visalia	43
Art W.	Lampasas TX	41
Jim B.	Springville	38
John G.	Armona	36
Barbara S.	Hanford	36
Ray D.	Tulare	35
Laura H.	Visalia	35
Sylvia M.	Visalia	34
Rod R.	Tulare	32
Vick G.	Exeter	32
Cy F.	Visalia	32
Jesse M.	Porterville	31
Marcie M.	Porterville	31
Mark C.	Hanford	30
Lawrence C.	Tulare	28
Dave S.	Visalia	26
Tom S.	Visalia	26
Wendy S.	Visalia	26
Gary S.	Three Rivers	24
Patrick S.	Visalia	21
Greg G	Porterville	20
Jeanmarie D.	Porterville	17
Mitch H.	Terra Bella	17
Jeff P.	Visalia	16
Stephanie G.	Visalia	15
Chuck W.	Exeter	14
Edward V.	Dinuba	13
Pete B.	Camp Nelson	11
Steven S.	Visalia	8
Zach D.	Visalia	6
Nick V.	Visalia	5
Kenneth B.	Porterville	3
Sarah S.	Visalia	1
Martha M.	Visalia	1

Editor's Corner

Hello My Family!!

This Month's editors corner has turned into an editorial! Please see the next page regarding the Birthday Club bless you all!!

Share your gratitude and experience...

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

Louie T.

Birthday Club

I wanted to take a brief moment to discuss the Birthday Club. The Birthday Club is a program we have at our Central Office that is a very simple and effective way to raise some extra funds. At this point in time Central Office is starting the year a bit behind where we started last year. If we utilize the Birthday Club Program we could easily make this money up and help solidify the financial position of OUR Central Office.

How it works

The birthday club is a very simple concept, those celebrating an AA Birthday or Anniversary donate 1 dollar for each year sober to the Central Office. That's it! Its simple. If you celebrate 1 year donate 1 dollar if you 25 years donate 25 dollars.

For Example:

March 2019

34 people are celebrating birthdays = 827 years

3 participated in the Birthday Club = \$79

Potentially we could be brining \$827 of extra revenue for the use of our local AA Services through the Central Office.

How to Participate

Participation in the birthday club is easy, there are several ways to do so. You can physically go into the central office and make a donation, you can mail in a donation, you can send a donation with your CSR or GSR who attend monthly meetings at the Central Office, or you can even make your donation online through PayPal on the District 47 website.

Central Office Address:

449 E Maple St.
Exeter, CA 93221

Link to donate on website (link active in e-version newsletter):

[Donate To Birthday Club](#)

When donating online note your name & Birthday Club in the "Add special instructions to the seller:" section during checkout. It's that easy!!

Central Service Meeting

February 12, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 by Julie M

CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie M., Bob H., Susan M., Sheri T. & Stella T

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SERENITY PRAYER: Led by Julie

12 TRADITIONS: Monica R

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were corrected to read that the H & I meeting is at 9 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob H.- We had an income of \$7,786.62 and expenses of \$7,618.85 for a gain of \$167.77 for this accounting period. Contributions were good Sales were below average. This report includes our New Years event. We also had a large literature order and our quarterly employee taxes. We had nine transactions in credit and debit card sales totaling \$284.20 for January. Calls for information have been about average. (Note from Secretary - There was a \$1200 anonymous donation for the NY dance which will be reflected in next months income)

PI/CPC: No report

WEBSITE REPORT: David reported in the last 30 days there were 11,020 page views, 1,089 unique visitors.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER - VOLUNTEER

March Step 3 Susan M

Apr Step 4 Trudy W

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

March Tradition 3 Mitch K

Apr Tradition 4 Mike K

H&I REPORT:- The business meetings are now on even numbered months. They are visiting Corcoran prison six times in February, There is more participation. The business meeting is at 9 am at the Visalia Alano Club.

GSO LIAISON: The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,668.97. PRAASA is in Irvine, CA March 1 - 3. CNIA Pre-conference assembly is April 13 in Nevada City. District 47 Pre-conference Service Fair - Agenda items/ planning meeting on 2/23 from 9 am to 12 noon at The Source in Visalia. Service Fair is March 30th at Center for Spiritual Living in Visalia.

CSR REPORTS:

Julie M - Acceptance Group-This is an open, Gay AA meeting in Porterville but everyone is welcome. We meet at the First Congregational Church on Fourth & Mill. This is a 1 hr meeting from 6-7 pm every Wednesday. The meeting has been growing, there have been 20 - 25 in attendance recently. We discuss what is going on in your sobriety today. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Wednesday of the month, Our group has been able to contribute to Central Office. Great group of newcomers and old timers.

Cheryl H - Springville Gut Level Group-Meets every Thurs at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville from 7-8:30 pm. Open AA meeting. Discussion centers around recovery by working Steps and adhering to Traditions. Birthday meeting is the last Thurs of each month, we meet at El Nuevo for dinner then attend meeting. Springville is above the clouds - join us! (from last month, no report turned in but the rep was there)

Jonathan T.-Monday Men's Stag-We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for a closed mens meeting located at 820 E Main in Visalia. We celebrate birthdays on the last Mon of the month and have lots of experience, strength and hope! Please join us!

Mitch K - Bridge St Drunks Only- We have 20 meetings a week. 7am meetings closed AA only and have about 20 average attendance. It is a meeting with good long-term sobriety and a good mix with newcomers. This meeting is 7 days a week. Noon meets 7 days a week, about 20 average attendance. Mon - Fri are closed meetings. Sat & Sun are open meetings. Women's meeting on Monday 5:30 pm with good attendance. 1 hour 5:30-6:30. Tues evening literature study now in "As Bill Sees It", from 6 - 7, an open meeting with about 10 in attendance. Thurs @ 7pm is the primary purpose meeting with about 30 in attendance, also an open meeting. Good place for newcomers to study the Big Book. Easy to find a sponsor who will take you through the steps. Sat evenings is an open discussion meeting from 7 - 8. Sun evening is at 5pm and is a closed meeting for AA members only, it is a 10th Step meeting, discussion of AA inventory. Trudy W - Lindsay Fireside Fellowship - We meet Thurs evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Firesie Room of Lindsay United Methodist Church (corner of Honolulu & Gale Hill due east of post office and city hall). We aer an intimate, open meeting, discussing a new topic each week. A handful of regulars welcome newcomers and card carriers equally, sharing sobriety old and new. We celebrate annual birthdays the last Thurs of the month and give chips every week for monthly progress under one year. Come share your light in one of the longest-standing meeting locations in Tulare County. (from last month, no report turned in but the rep was there)

Trudy W - Exeter Quiet Trails Group - We meet every Tues evening 7:30 - 8:30 in the Exeter Methodist Church fellowsip room behind the sanctuary at the corner of Palm & D Streets. We are an open topic-discussionn meeting with rotating secretaries monthly, welcoming newcomers and old timers alike. We celebrate birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. Please join our robust small town fellowship. (from last month, no report turned in but the rep was there)

Sheri T - Tues Women's Amity Group - We meet every Tues from 6:30 - 8 pm. We are located at 6400 W Walnut Ave in Visalia. This is a closed women's meeting with a great mix of long term and new sobriety. We give chips for

sobriety days and milestones. A speaker leads the meeting, sharing her experience, strength & hope then picks a topic. The last meeting of the month is a birthday meeting with a delicious cake. We have 25 - 40 women weekly. Great meeting!

Patrick S - Messy Pants Winos - Messy Pants Winos meets Wed at 7:00 pm (but come early!) at the Visalia Alano Club. This is an open meeting and old timers are appreciated. We do a call for sponsors who are willing to take on new sponsees and vice-versa. We do birthdays, with cake, on the last Wed of the month. This is a one hour meeting.

Monica R - Porterville RSVP Group - This is an open young people's meeting where all ages are welcome. We give chips for various lengths of sobriety and someone chairs the meeting. We define "young" as anyone with room to grow. We meet at the First Congregational Church in Porterville at 6:30 pm on Friday nights.

Susan M - Half & Half Group - This is an hour long open Book Study/Discussion meeting. We read from either the Big Book or the 12 x 12 for 30 min and then share about what we read or whatever a person wants to talk about. We meet at the 1st Congregational Church in Porterville from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Thurs nights. It's a great meeting with 8 - 12 in attendance each week. We contribute to Central Office on a regular basis. The meeting was started in Feb, 2018 and we will be having a pot luck on Feb 21 before the meeting starts.

Mike K - Unity Through Traditions - Wed 5:30 - 6:30 at the Alano Club, 10 - 15 people attend. Currently reading Language of the Heart. Last Wed of each month is corresponding Tradition. Business Meeting is the 1st Wed of each month.

Stella T - Tues Night Women's Changes - This is an open womens meeting from 7-8 pm on Tues at the Lighthouse Church in the Hope Room. Our meeting has about 25 people attend on average. We share on a variety of topics that are put in a container and then drawn from there by each person. We have a business meeting on the 3rd Tues of each month. We also celebrate birthdays on the last Tues of each month with either a potluck or at a restaurant gathering.

Mike K - Valley Group Speaker Series - The valley group speaker meeting meets every Wed from 7-8 pm. Cards are signed. There are usually 50-75 people in attendance each week. The Valley Group also has two large speaker events per year which donates its excess funds to Central Office.

Tim A - Friday Morning Men's Meeting - We are a Men's only Closed meeting. We meet from 6:45 to 8 am every Fri at the 210 Center, 210 W Center St in Visalia. The average attendance is 25-30. We pass out chips 24 hr to 11 months of continuous sobriety. We also celebrate yearly birthdays. We pass the pink H & I can and make regulare contributions to Central Office. Come have a cup of coffee and join us as we trudge the road of happy destiny.

OLD BUSINESS

- Election for Three Board Members - Julie M resigned her Board position so there were four openiings. All nominated - Mike K, Elgin M, Mike S & Hal W - were elected. The new Board will decide who is going to fill the (2) two years terms and (2) one year terms

NEW BUSINESS

- Picnic - Moony Grove, Arbot 9 reserved for June 1st.
- Monica R requested a letter of recommendation from Central Office for the Young People to send with their bid for the Young Peoples Conference. The new Board will take care of it after the CSO meeting
- Allen L suggested the by-laws be changed to have a Treasurer on the Board as a two year term and the Central Office Manager not be on the Board as the Treasurer.
- Mitch K - Suggested Central Office add one or two more events as fundraisers

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$55.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:49 pm

****Minutes are a general description of the CSR meeting and may not represent specific comments****

Upcoming Events

Have an Event?? Send an Email:
centralintergroupnews@gmail.com



District 47 Mtg. Minutes

February 6, 2019

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

1/21/2019 THROUGH 2/20/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	79.00	132.00
CD & Tape Cont.	5.00	5.00
Group Cont.	1,632.63	3,285.02
Indiv Cont	459.78	2,284.78
Lit. Sales	458.22	588.27
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	89.03	120.12
Spec. Events	1,200.00	5,023.89
Spec. Items	691.00	962.20
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TOTAL	\$4,614.66	\$12,401.28

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	80.00
Fees-Taxes	39.95	39.95
Insurance	550.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	0.00	1,811.25
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	0.00	142.78
Office Equip.& Maint	284.30	509.44
Phone & ISP	184.79	368.50
Postage	0.00	0.00
Employee Taxes	0.00	1,216.17
Rent	525.00	1,050.00
Salary	1,277.82	2,565.64
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events	0.00	2,084.18
Spec. Items	470.00	470.00
Card Charge	9.57	15.53
Utilities	105.16	198.62
Website	3.50	6.88
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TOTAL	\$3,490.09	11,108.94

Net Gain(Loss) \$1,124.57 \$1,292.34

BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL: \$12,351.06

END. TOT. ACCT BAL: \$13,475.63

Attendance: Allen L., Danette L., Greg G., James W., David G, Kenneth, Don, and Brian P.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm., by Alt. DCM Allen L.

The GSR preamble was recited by members.

James W. read the 12 Traditions and Allen L. read Concept #2.

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were not reviewed or approved (Alt. DCM was sitting in and leading the meeting and this was overlooked).

Finances:

Treasure report: Greg G. reported the following

Treasurers' report: Balance forward: \$1,799.78

a. Income: \$145.19. Expenses: \$276.00. Current Balance: \$1,668.97.

Reports

CSO: Liaison Allen L. had no report.

H&I: Liaison David attended the the January H&I business meeting and reported that Tulare County's H&I Committee voiced and interest in participating in our summer/fall service fair that will focus on service opportunities available to Tulare County AAs. He also reported that the next H&I's business meeting will be held on Saturday 02-9-19 at 9am at the Visalia Alano Club, and he reported that future H&I business meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each even numbered month.

DCM: No report.

Old Business: Winter Assembly was represented by District 47 members Josh F., Brian P. & Danette L.

New/Other Business: Spring Workshop: Planning meeting was set for Feb. 23 at 9 am at The Source in Visalia. The pre-conference service fair/workshop was set for March 30, 2019 at the Center for Spiritual Living in Visalia from 10 am to 2 pm.

7th Tradition: \$22.00 Noted

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm, after reciting the Declaration of Unity and Responsibility declaration. The next business meeting will be held on March 6, 2019, at 7:00pm.

Recorder and respectfully submitted by Allen L., Alt. DCM

Group Contributions

<u>1/21/19-2/20/19</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore	8.01	8.01
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210	225.00	225.00
Bill & Friends	150.00	150.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	285.97	633.36
Central Calif. Roundup		0.00
Civic Center Grp.	127.65	127.65
Clodbusters-Tulare		0.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	55.00	87.00
Dinuba Grp	50.00	50.00
District 47		400.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		100.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		0.00
Foundation Group		50.00
Freedom Fellowship		0.00
Fresno Village Group		0.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Friday Noon 210		0.00
Half & Half		0.00
Lemoore Sat 12x12		0.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		0.00
Messy Pants Winos	40.00	40.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		0.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		0.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		0.00
Mon Men's Book Study		0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		0.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group	100.00	160.00
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia	250.00	250.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level		116.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		0.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People		0.00
Tulare Co. Young People		0.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00

Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		300.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues Noon 210		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		0.00
Three Rivers-Monday		147.00
Unity Thru Traditions		0.00
Valley Group		0.00
Valley Speaker Series		0.00
Wandering Couples	141.00	141.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville	200.00	200.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		0.00
Women's Changes-P'ville		100.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		0.00
Young & Restless		0.00

Total	1,6532.63	3,285.02

Service Meetings

AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray
Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9:00 am
2nd Saturday of odd months.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

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Lighter Side of AA

Messy Pants Wino

A messy pants wino was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, sir. You're obviously drunk" The wasted wino asked, "Ociffer, are ya absolutely sure I'm drunk?" "Yeah, buddy, I'm sure," said the copper. "Let's go." The wino was obviously relieved, the cop asked are you ok? The wino replied "That's just great news - I thought I was a cripple."

The Moral of the story

One day at the end of class little Billy's teacher has the class go home and think of a story that teaches a strong moral lesson.

The next day Billy tells his story.... "My dad fought in the Vietnam war, his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He jumped out before it crashed with only a case of beer, a machine gun and a machete. On the way down he drank the case of beer. Unfortunately he landed right in the middle of 100 Vietnamese soldiers. He shot 70 with his machine gun, but ran out of bullets, so he pulled out his machete and killed 20 more, but the blade on his machete broke, so he killed the last ten with his bare hands" Teacher looks in shock at Billy and asks if there is possibly any moral to his story....

Billy replies, "Yeah... don't mess with my dad when he's been drinking"

Worms

A father was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another worm in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived, while the one in whiskey curled up and died. "All right, son." asked the father, "what does that show you?" "Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you won't get worms!"

Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	12
Court Ref/Info	10
Meeting Information	20
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	1
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	3
Visitors to Office	48
Literature Sales	19
Specialty Sales	34
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	13
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	8
Spanish Contact	1

Total 112

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting
186 W. Walnut Ave.
Friday February 1st, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting
1820 N. Gem St, Tulare
Friday, March 8th, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Speaker: - Tony C

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting
Veterans Memorial Building
36000 Hwy 190, Springville
Sunday, March 11th, 2019 at 10:15 AM
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)
Speaker: PJ Hollywood, CA

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting
The Gallery @ The Creative Center
410 E. Race Ave.
Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

Speakers for February
Mar 6 - Blythe R. of Visalia 8 Years
Mar 13 - Carrie A. of Visalia 1 Year
Mar 20 - Nick V. of Visalia 4 Years
Mar 27 - Barbara S. of Hanford 36 years

That's 49 years of sober experience in AA in four simple one-hour sessions!

SPRING INTO SOBRIETY 2019



**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
3830 W. TULARE AVE, VISALIA**

**\$15 PRESALE
ONLY TICKETS**

**GET YOUR
TICKETS NOW**

11AM - 5PM

**BACK TO THE 40'S STEP WORKSHOP
(NEWCOMERS WHO ATTEND RECEIVE FREE DINNER TICKET)**

530PM - 630PM

RANCH STYLE TRI-TIP DINNER

7PM

**SPEAKER MEETING (ASL INTERPRETED)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AIMEE F. OF GLENDALE, CA
SOBER 16 YEARS, 3 MONTHS, 20 DAYS**

**SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE:
CONTACT ALEX A. AT 559-280-3850**

CONTACTS:

Barbara V. 559-303-5761

Elgin M. 559-553-5736

Boo M. 559-303-2484

Bill H. 559-740-6813

**TUFYPAA
PRESENTS**

SOBER RAVE



MARCH 2ND 2019

The Alano Club • 8:30 PM - 1130 PM
1350 N 11 st. Fresno, ca 93703

SPEAKER MTG 7PM

District 47 Pre-Conference Service Fair

Connecting GSC Agenda Items to the Twelve Traditions

Saturday, March 30, 2019 • 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Center for Spiritual Living • 117 S. Locust Street in Visalia

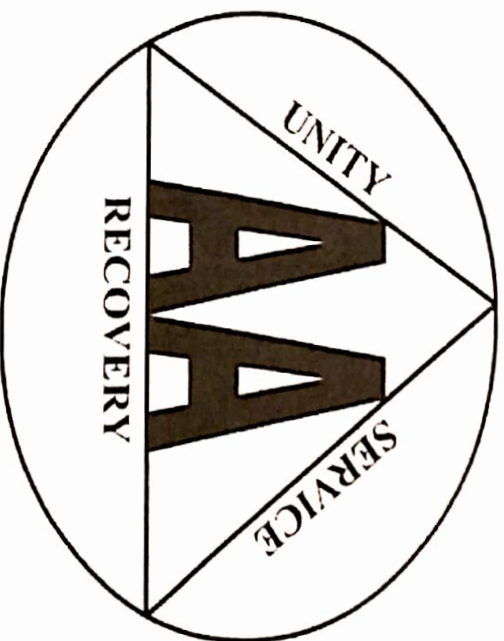
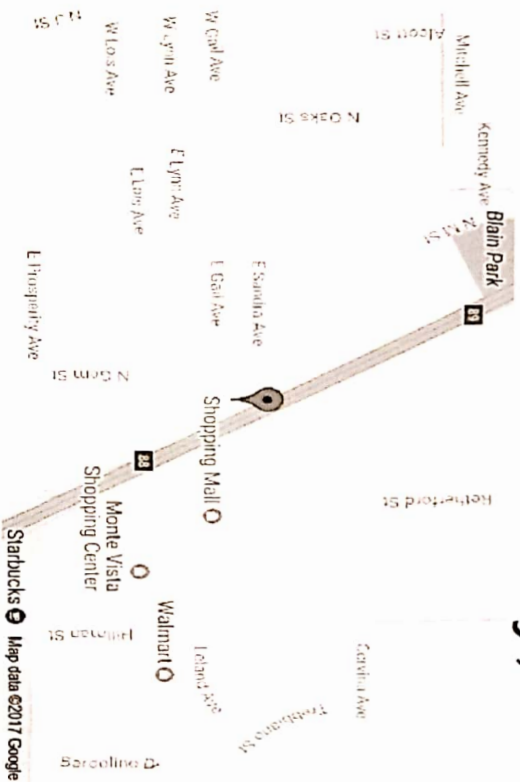


Food, Fellowship & Meaningful Service!

- Participate in some meaningful District 47 service and fellowship and enjoy a delicious BBQ tri-tip lunch while you're at it!
- Come review agenda items that will come before this year's General Service Conference and provide your feedback on issues that affect AA as a whole.
- Your participation ensures that your voice will be heard and that our Area Delegate will be supplied with a truly representative group conscience to guide his participation in this year's General Service Conference.

AA Speaker Meeting 2nd Friday Night Every Month

Featuring, Tony C. of Fresno
over 35 Years Sober
On Friday, March 8th at 8 p.m.



New Life Community Church, 1820 N. Gem, Tulare CA

Second Annual AA Women in Unity Retreat

June 21, 22, & 23, 2019

Registration opens Friday 6/21 at 4pm with opening meeting at 7:00pm

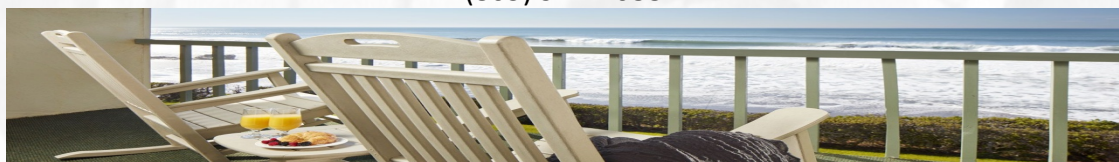
Contact hotel directly for room reservations and mention AA retreat for special hotel rates

Cavalier Ocean Front Resort

9415 Heart Drive

San Simeon Ca 93452

(805) 927-4688



- Early Bird Registration ends on 4-15-19 after 4-15-19 registration is 35.00 with meals 120.00. Not refundable but transferable.
- Sherry G. sherrydutra@comcast.net or Sherri D red57pearl@gmail.com for questions
- We are in search of speakers please submit CD or mp3 or letter explaining the reason you feel you would be a good speaker. Topic is 3rd and 11th step. Mail to address below.

Registration	With meals	Without meals	
NAME (as you want it on your name badge)			
Earlybird before 4/15/19 registration with 3 meals Sat and am only Sun.	100.00	25.00	
After 4/15/19 registration with 3 meals Sat and Sun am only	120.00	35.00	
NEWCOMER DONATIONS	\$	\$	
Grand Total Make check payable to Women in Unity AA			
Address – phone- email			(registration to be mailed or emailed?) please enclose self addressed stamped envelope if you want confirmation mailed
Mail check to... AA Women in Unity c/o AA Central Office	449 E Maple, Exeter, CA 93221		CLEARLY MARK ON ENVELOPE AA WOMEN'S EVENT DO NOT MAIL CASH One registration form per person please

Your Content Here!!!

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

All this can be accommodated-we are available to help! Simply reach out to us here at Central News and we will do all we can to get the word out!!!

Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffer is our primary purpose. What better way to do it then to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

... and we will help you communicate to district 47!!!

